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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of) Examiner of Parent Application:
 Carlos V. Freidberg et al.) U.T. Ho
For: **STENT ASSEMBLY**) Group Art Unit: 3731
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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned)
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Filed: Concurrently)
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Docket No.: R0375.01202)

**REQUEST FOR FILING A
CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

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Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of copending application Serial No. 09/664,999, of Carlos Vonderwalde Freidberg et al., for **STENT WITH COVER CONNECTORS**, filed on September 18, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of then copending applications Serial No. 09/522,336, filed on March 3, 2000.

1. Enclosed is a true copy of the prior complete application including: the specification (including claims), drawings, oath or declaration showing the signature or an indication it was signed; as filed to complete the prior application.
2. This application discloses and claims only subject matter disclosed in the prior application whose particulars are set out above. With respect to the prior U.S. patent application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are):
/ X / the same as those named in the prior application.

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less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventors identified above for the prior application be deleted:

3. The filing fees are to be calculated on the claims as filed in the prior application and the claims remaining as a result of the:

amendment below;

attached Preliminary Amendment.

| Description | Claims | Extra | Rate | Fee Code | Fee |
|-------------------------|--------|-------|------|----------|---------------|
| Basic Filing Fee | | | | 2001 | \$385. |
| Independent Claims | 2 - 3 | 0 | \$43 | 2201 | \$-0-. |
| Total Claims | 9 - 20 | 0 | \$9 | 2202 | \$-0-. |
| Total Filing Fee | | | | | \$385. |

4. Please cancel in this application claims 2-23 as originally filed in the parent application.

5. Payment of Filing Fees:

The filing fee is not enclosed herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees and to credit any overpayment of fees which may be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and §1.17, to Deposit Account No. 04-1679, referencing Atty. Docket No. R0375-01202. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

6. The prior application is assigned of record to: **Diseno Y Desarrollo Medico, S.A. De C.V.** This assignment was recorded on February 20, 2001 at reel 011542, frame 0554.

7. The power of attorney in the prior application is to: **Edward J. Lynch**.

The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

A Power of Attorney and Revocation of Prior Powers is enclosed.

8. Please address all future correspondence to:

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9. Documents enclosed:

/ X / Copy of prior complete application as filed including the specification (30 pages including the cover sheet), claims (8 pages), and abstract (1 page); Formal Drawings (8 sheets); signed Declaration and Power of Attorney (4 pages total).

/ X / Copy of signed Assignment (2 pages total) and PTO Form-1595 (1 page) as filed in the prior application.

/ X / Preliminary Amendment (6 pages).

/ X / Associate Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address (2 pages).

/ X / Return receipt postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

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